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SUBJ: SHORT/MEDIUM TERM PROJECTS BEING CONSIDERED
FOR FRENCH AID

1. SUMMARY. FAC TEAM CONSISTING OF HERLEDON (RURAL DEVELOPMENT), MATON (WATER RESOURCES), AND ROBINET (LIVESTOCK) VIZATED UPPER VOLTA OCT 24-30. IN MEETINGS CHAIRED BY PLAN COMMISSIONER PHILIPPE OUEDRAOGO, GOUV PROPOSED 14 PROJECTS TOTALING SOME CFA 2.5 BILLION. ONLY PART OF THESE WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FAC, HOWEVER, AND FINAL DECISIONS YET TO BE MADE IN PARIS.

2. FOLLOWING ARE THE PROJECTS ARRANGED IN GOUV PRIORITY ORDER:

A. PASTORAL WATER RESOURCES (FORAGE CHRISTINE). COMPLETE STUDY AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE WATER FROM CHRISTINE (DEEP WELL ALREADY OPERATING IN EXTREME NORTH NEAR MALI
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BORDER AT COORDINATES 1458 N, 044 E). FAC EXPERTS ANTI-

CIPATE TWO WATERING POINTS 14 KM APART (ELIMINATING WATER AT CHRISTINE ITSELF) TO HANDLE 30,000 HEAD. CFA 200,000,000 REQUESTED BUT ACTUAL FIGURE MAY BE SMALLER.

B. REPAIR OF EXISTING DAMS. EQUIPMENT AND EXPENSES FOR A REPAIR TEAM. CFA 34,000,000.

C. FORESTRY SCHOOL. CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT. CFA 125,000,000. SEEMS UNLIKELY FAC WILL TAKE UP THIS ONE.

D. EQUIPPING SAHEL REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (ORD). CILSS MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU IN SEPTEMBER LISTED CFA 800,000,000 FOR THIS, BUT PROJECT NOT YET EVEN WRITTEN UP. FAC MAY DO MASTER PLAN FOR SAHEL ORD, BUT QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT WILL TAKE ON ACTUAL INVESTMENT. SAHEL ORD, THE ONLY ONE OF ELEVEN YET TO BE ESTABLISHED, COVERS THREE NORTHERNMOST CERCLES.

E. HEALTH. CONSTRUCTION OF 8 REGIONAL HEALTH CENTERS FOR CFA 200,000,000. ARCHITECTURAL WORK TO ENLARGE PEDIATRIC SECTION OF OUAGADOUGOU HOSPITAL FROM 69 TO 240 BEDS FOR CFA 7,000,000.

F. CONSTRUCTION OF KONGOUSSI-DJIBO ROAD. GOUV REQUESTING CFA 200,000,000 FOR ENGINEERING WORK AND CONSTRUCTION.

G. SMALL ANIMAL RAISING. PROJECT TO ENCOURAGE RAISING SMALL ANIMALS (E.G., CHICKENS, RABBITS, GOATS, PIGS, SHEEP) IN YATENGA, SAHEL, KAYA, KOUPELA, AND FADA ORD'S. CFA 200,000,000.

H. WATER RESOURCES INVENTORY IN YATENGA. CERCLE'S) NOT SPECIFIED. CFA 44,000,000.

I. SITE STUDIES FOR SIXTY DAMS. FAC WILL SEND TDY EXPERT FOR ONE MONTH TO REVIEW 60 DAMS DOSSIERS AND DECIDE WHAT ADDITIONAL INFO NEEDED ON EACH. THEN FAC WOULD CONSIDER COMMISSIONING A FRENCH FIRM TO DO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STUDIES WHERE NECESSARY.

J. THREE MOBILE RADIO UNITS. NOT CLEAR FOR WHAT PURPOSE.

K. VILLAGE WELLS IN NOUNA CERCLE. SHALLOW HAND-DUG WELLS FOR CFA 100,000,000. PROPOSAL IS PART OF NORMAL FRENCH AID. IT DOES NOT OVERLAP WITH DEEP GROUNDWATER

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FOR EMPTY NORTHEAST QUARTER OF CERCLE
DISCUSSED WITH USAID.

L. EQUIP BASIC SURFACE WATER RESEARCH NETWORK. CFA
19,000,000.

M. CREATION OF PLANT MATERIAL. CREATE OR EXPAND
REGIONAL TREE NURSERIES FOR FORESTRY SERVICE. CFA
50,000,000. FAC WILL SEND TDY EXPERT IN NOVEMBER TO PUT
DOSSIER IN SHAPE.

N. HYDRO-AGRICULTURAL STUDY OF NIENA-DIONKELE PLAIN.
THIS IS PROMISING AREA FOR RICE-GROWING ALREADY PARTLY
STUDIED BY NATIONALIST CHINESE, WHO HAD INTENDED FINANCE
LARGE PROJECT TO GROW UPLAND RICE THERE BEFORE GOUV
BROKE RELATIONS. FAC WILL SEND TDY EXPERT TO MAKE
CHECK-LIST OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO COMPLETE STUDY.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE LIST IS AS PRESENTED BY GOUV, AND
NOT YET WINNOWED OUT BY FAC. TOTAL PRICE-TAG OF SOME
CFA 2.5 BILLION (\$12 MILLION) IS FAR BEYOND WHAT FAC
LIKELY APPROVE. WHILE DECISIONS YET TO BE MADE IN
PARIS, OUR FEELING FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH FAC EXPERTS
IS THAT PROJECTS A, B, H, I, K, AND N LIKELY EVOKE
POSITIVE RESPONSE. OTHERS MORE LIKELY BE DELETED OR
SUBSTANTIALLY SCALED DOWN. WE SHARED FEI TASK FORCE
LIST WITH FAC TEAM. THEY ECHO FEI AND EMBASSY CON-
CLUSIONS RE INADEQUACY OF GOUV PREPARATION OF
PROJECT DOSSIERS AND RE EXTENT OF DONOR INPUT AND OVERVIEW
REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION. AS IN
CASE FEI TEAM VISIT, PLAN COMMISSIONER OUEDRAOGO WAS
ONLY MINISTERIAL LEVEL OFFICIAL THEY SAW. QUESTION
DONORS INCREASINGLY ASKING THEMSELVES IS HOW HE AND
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DAKOURE WILL GET ON TOGETHER ONCE DAKOURE RETURNS. THEY
YET TO BE BOTH IN TOWN AND ON THE JOB AT THE SAME
TIME. FAC TEAM EXTREMELY FORTHCOMING AND HELPFUL. THEY
SAY FAC WILLING PREPARE STUDIES FOR PROJECTS TO BE
FINANCED BY ANY DONOR.
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